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Letter dated 31 October 1995 from the Permanent Representative of Cyprus to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

Upon instructions from my Government, I have the honour to draw your attention to some serious developments in Cyprus, concerning the 1989 unmanning agreement.

New information has surfaced indicating that the constructions the Turkish side has undertaken on the Rokkas Bastion could be used for military purposes. As you are aware, the Rokkas Bastion is in a particularly sensitive location in Nicosia, and for this reason it was included in the above-mentioned agreement.

The Government of the Republic of Cyprus believes that these constructions, aiming at strengthening the offensive capabilities of the Turkish occupation forces in Cyprus, is a matter of grave concern.

Constructions along the buffer zone contravene not only the spirit of the 1989 unmanning agreement and the recently adopted Security Council resolution 1000 (1995) of 23 June 1995, but also constitute a new source of tension and threaten security on the island.

I am sure, appropriate measures will be taken by the United Nations Peace-keeping Force in Cyprus (UNFICYP) to eliminate this source of tension.

I should be grateful if you would have the present letter circulated as a document of the General Assembly, under agenda item 55, and of the Security Council.

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